Early Childhood Development Focus Area Grant History

FY 2023

$180,000 over 2 years to Blue Ridge Partnership for Children to sustain and evolve the AMY Parent Education Collaborative, a collaborative, regional approach to the provision of parent education for children prenatal to age 14 in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

$80,000 over two years to Children & Family Resource Center to manage the implementation of Regional Circles of Security, an attachment-based parenting curriculum.

$63,163 to Region A Partnership for Children to continue and expand its early literacy coordination work.

$100,000 over two years to Smart Start of Transylvania County to halt the loss of childcare slots in Transylvania County and increase capacity by supporting efforts to create more spaces in childcare countywide.

FY 2022

$45,621 to Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) to expand access to farm-to-preschool resources and programming in rural WNC through the Growing Minds Farm to Preschool Project.

$70,000 over two years to Children First/Communities In Schools of Buncombe County to sustain and grow its capacity to staff and mobilize the WNC Early Childhood Coalition.

$50,000 to Mount Zion Community Development to implement strategies to reduce minority infant mortality and improve quality of early childhood experiences of the children through Project NAF (Nurturing Asheville and Area Families) participants.

FY 2021

$72,000 over two years to Blue Ridge Partnership for Children to extend into Mitchell and Avery counties the accomplishments of the Yancey Alliance for Young Children, a collective impact initiative.

$14,811 to Grace Community Church to build a playground that meets North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education standards so that the Church can open a preschool for the community.

$28,800 to Irene Wortham Center to enrich the early childhood development program at its Early Learning Center by establishing a hands-on garden and sustainability program in collaboration with Asheville Farmstead.

$54,496 to Mountain Area Health Education Center to support the salary of one of the SistasCaring4Sistas Community Based Doula positions for one year.

$75,000 over two years to Smart Start of Transylvania County to support family resilience and social cohesion by establishing a virtual support and learning model.

$150,000 over three years to Southwestern Child Development Commission to support the Nurse Family Partnership.
FY 2020

$46,018 to Buncombe Partnership for Children to strengthen support for families with young children through the expansion of Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups for infants and toddlers and piloting Circle of Security parenting classes.

$5,000 to Mountain Area Health Education Center to support the 2019 Southeastern Regional Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Summit.

$40,560 to Mountain Area Health Education Center to support the salary of one of the SistasCaring4Sistas Community Based Doula positions for one year.

FY 2019

$70,000 over two years to Blue Ridge Partnership for Children to advance the initial accomplishments of the Yancey Alliance for Young Children, a collective impact initiative.

$99,800 over two years to Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County to expand and support the Western North Carolina Early Childhood Coalition.

$8,000 to Partnership for Children of the Foothills to engage Leslie Anderson Consulting to assist in creating a strategic plan.

$30,000 to Reach Out and Read Carolinas to support the implementation and expansion of the Reach Out and Read program to supply developmentally and culturally appropriate children’s books to low-income children and parents at well child visits through medical homes across the region.

$50,000 to Region A Partnership for Children to coordinate community efforts to provide more effective early literacy programming.

$47,120 to United Way of Transylvania County for the Community Playgroups Mobile Resource Unit project, which will benefit underserved children ages 0-5 in Transylvania County.

$50,000 to YWCA of Asheville and WNC for assistance in renovating its kitchen and upgrading one of its playgrounds to serve 42 additional children in its Early Learning Program, and to increase the number of people served at its monthly Community Dinners.

FY 2018

$50,000 to Buncombe Partnership for Children for Phase 3 of its project to develop and implement a county-wide plan for expanding high-quality, accessible and affordable preschool for three- and four-year-olds.

$7,500 to Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson County to engage HunterKemper Consulting to assist in creating a strategic plan for 2019-2022, including enhanced fundraising planning and development of long-term financial plans.

$99,500 to Community Action Opportunities to enhance the social-emotional competence skills of more than 530 preschool-age children in 27 Head Start classrooms.
$150,000 over three years to Southwestern Child Development Commission to fund the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to serve low-income, first-time mothers.

$7,500 to Verner Center for Early Learning to engage Walker Wilson Consulting to assist with planning for its Executive Director transition, and to increase its capacity to achieve its mission under new leadership.

FY 2017

$30,000 to Buncombe Partnership for Children for consulting costs to support a county-wide plan to ensure that high-quality, accessible and affordable preschool is available to all three- and four-year-olds.

$8,000 to Smart Start of Henderson County to engage HunterKemper Consulting to assist in developing a three-year strategic plan, along with a plan for implementation.

$100,000 over two years to Smart Start of Transylvania County to partner with United Way of Transylvania to implement the Smartly United Early Childhood Collective, a collective impact model for addressing early childhood opportunities in Transylvania County to raise quality of care and improve outcomes for children.

$75,000 to Southwestern Child Development Commission to educate and engage stakeholders about improving access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC. Funds will be shared with four organizations: Children First/Communities In Schools of Buncombe Co., Verner Center for Early Learning, Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson Co. and Pisgah Legal Services.

FY 2016

$96,000 over two years to Blue Ridge Partnership for Children to implement the Yancey Early Childhood Initiative (YECI), a collective impact model for addressing early childhood issues in Yancey County. Funds will be used to support salary, benefits, and related program costs for a Program Manager.

$35,000 to YWCA of Asheville and WNC to support development and implementation of a parent-led childcare partnership program to support the needs of A-B Tech students. Funds will be used to help YWCA with required renovation costs; purchasing cribs, high chairs, gates, and toys; and performing initial research, marketing, and documentation of the process to create a toolkit for replication in other areas of WNC.

FY 2015

$10,000 to Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children for the Yancey Early Childhood Initiative (YECI), which identifies barriers to young children's ability to realize their potential in Yancey County, and builds community-wide collaboration to improve access to services for children and their families.

$10,000 to Mountain Area Health Education Center to support the 2015 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Southeastern Summit in order to offer new strategies affecting healthcare, education, law and mental health in WNC.

$15,000 to Reach Out and Read Carolinas to provide early childhood literacy services to the new Mission Children's Health Clinic in Bryson City, which will serve 500 children.
$29,970 to Region A Partnership for Children to develop a satellite office in the far western counties of the region to significantly improve its outreach to families in its service area.

$75,000 to Southwestern Child Development Commission for Year 3 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition’s work to improve access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC.

FY 2014

$54,460 to Buncombe County Partnership for Children to fund a study to further understand the needs of children not enrolled in licensed care in WNC. The data will be used by public agencies and nonprofits to guide decisions regarding program direction and delivery.

$75,000 to Southwestern Child Development Commission for Year 2 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition’s work to improve access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC.

$150,000 over three years to Southwestern Child Development Commission to establish a Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to serve low-income, Medicaid-eligible first-time mothers in Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. The Brown Family Fund, the Wasson-Stowe Charitable Fund and the MAC Mountain Fund partnered with CFWNC to fund this grant. Significant funding was also provided by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, The Evergreen Foundation and the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

FY 2013

$75,000 to Region A Partnership for Children to expand the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. The Partnership administers North Carolina’s Smart Start and NC Pre-K initiatives in the seven westernmost counties and on the Qualla Boundary.

$75,000 to Southwestern Child Development Commission for Year 1 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition’s work to educate and engage stakeholders with the goal of improving access to quality, affordable early childhood care and education by changing public policies related to the NC Subsidized Child Care Program.

FY 2012

$65,000 to North Carolina Partnership for Children to develop Champions for Children among business and community leaders, and to advocate for public and private funding for early child care and education in WNC.

$25,000 to Reach Out and Read Carolinas to expand the program to an additional 3,500 children and their families who are living in poverty in Western North Carolina. The grant was made possible by generous co-investment from two CFWNC fundholders.